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SUBJECT: EAST PAKISTAN REFUGEES IN INDIA - U. S. CONTRIBUTIONS

REF: (A) GENEVA 4787 OF 10/30/72; (B) STATE 004535

1. UNHCR HAS AGAIN REQUESTED RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS
OUTLINED REF (A), PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCE TO UTILIZATION
OF \$305,211.70 STILL UNCOMMITTED AND UNOBLIGATED.

2. IN ADDITION, UNHCR NOW SEEKS USG AGREEMENT TO MAKE
AVAILABLE TO GOI FOR PAST PURCHASES BY GOI OF STRAW MATS
OR BLANKETS THE UNOBLIGATED SUM OF \$200,000 FROM \$500,000
IN USG SECOND CONTRIBUTION OF \$5 MILLION, WHICH WAS
EARMARKED FOR PROCUREMENT OF DRUGS BY GOI.

3. UNHCR ALSO SEEKS USG AGREEMENT TO MAKE AVAILABLE
TO GOI FOR COST OF PAST PURCHASES BY GOI OF BLANKETS
AMOUNT OF \$259,000 WHICH REMAINS UNOBLIGATED FROM SAME
USG CONTRIBUTION, PREVIOUSLY EARMARKED FOR PROVISION
NISSEN- TYPE WAREHOUSES.

4. RECOMMENDATION: UNOBLIGATED AMOUNTS LISTED ABOVE
WERE NOT REQUIRED FOR PURPOSES FOR WHICH CONTRIBUTIONS
MADE. PAKISTANI REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM LONG SINCE
PHASED OUT AND BEEN FINANCED BY GOI AND INTERNATIONAL
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COMMUNITY IN ONE FASHION OR ANOTHER. MISSION THEREFORE

RECOMMENDS UNLESS DEPT PERCEIVES OVERRIDING REASONS
TO CONTRARY THAT UNHCR BE REQUESTED RETURN TO U. S. TREASURY
ABOVE UNOBLIGATED BALANCES TOTALING \$764,211 PLUS ANY
INTEREST EARNED DURING PERIOD UNHCR HAS HELD FUNDS.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY TO REF (A) AND GUIDANCE
FOR RESPONSE TO UNHCR REQUESTS IN PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE.
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